

REHEARSAL Of Observator, &c.

1. An Account of the Election for the County of Suffolk. With that of Oxford, &c.
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From Saturday May the 12th, to Saturday May the 19th 1705.

(1.) Country-man.

WE parted last time upon the Reception the Tackers meet with in

the Country. And now the Elections are Begun, I'll shew thee an Account I have of an Election in a County about which Thou and I have already squabbld, that is Suffolk. Here's a Letter thence of the 9th Instant, from an Elector that was Present, who says, in these words, I cannot forbear giving you the hopeful Account of our County Election for SUFFOLK. About ten in the Morning came the Lord DYSERT and Sir ROB. DAVERS, usher'd into the Town by such a Body of all the Chief Gentry, and most Reputable Yeomanry of the County, as Enliven'd the Reputation of the Church party. When presently they were Succeeded, according to Custom, by Sir SAMUEL BARNARDISTON, and Sir DUDLY CULLUM. But to see what a Rabble had espous'd that Faction! You never beheld such a Scoundrel Medly. Excepting Sir THOMAS FELTON and two more, I do not think there were three Gentlemen to Head that Herd. At a Window indeed I spy'd the D. of G. L. C—s, and the L. H. Zealous Promoters. But the Earl of DYSERT &c. Oppos'd that Rout of PRESBYTERIANS, INDEPENDENTS, ANABAPTISTS, QUAKERS, who Appear'd in a Body, PAPISTS and MODERATION BROTHERS, who were all Covenanted against poor CHURCH. And began such a Noise of NO TACKERS; No FRENCH SHOOS; HEAR THE QUEEN, &c. That you wou'd have Thought Hell had been broke loose. But when my Lord DYSERT and Sir ROBERT DAVERS Appear'd (those Noble TACKERS) I was surpris'd to see how all that Glorious Appearance were Transfired, and presently Entertain'd with the Gratefull Musick of NO FORTY EIGHT. NO PRESBYTERIAN REBELLION. SAVE THE QUEENS WHITE NECK. A TOWER. A TOWER. ADAVERS. SAVE YOUR COUNTRY BY MY LORD AND DAVERS, &c. But you would have Rejoic'd to see how the CLERGY went Unanimously in a Body from the late Lord HEREFORD's House to the Place of Polling. And Poll'd above 200. which so Dispirited the Adverse Party, that we hear'd no more of them. If the CLERGY wou'd be Unanimous and Faithfull to the Interests of the CHURCH, the Gentry I find wou'd Esponse them through the Kingdom; And then We need fear no Undermining Party. In short, all Parties here Try'd their utmost. The Enemy brought in the Lame and the Blind and all that cou'd but speak. Yet We out-Poll'd them by 573. May this the first County-Election be a Precedent to the whole Kingdom, happily Praefage the Set-

tlement of the Church, and the Rescue of her Majesty out of the hands of those that seek her Destruction, and our Subversion. Thus the Letter. Adding the Poll. viz. for Ld. Dysert, 2877. And for Sir Robert Davers, 2883. Sir Samuel Barnardiston, 2286. Sir Dudley Cullum, 2318.

Obj. Our Truth and Honesty has sadly Lamented this our Defeat. Notwithstanding his sweet Dialogue 'twixt Sir R. D. and the Chimney-Sweeper. And now Despairs of Success in the Corporations, as well as County of Suffolk. He gives them over as all High-Fliers, and Papisbes.

Country-m. Yet what Papisbs were there, were on Your side, against the Church. Particularly Mr. L—y a noted Papisb procur'd 200 Votes against the Earl of Dysert.

Obj. No Matter for that. They are all Papisbes. I have said it, over and over. And if the Plot—Office was up again, I wou'd Swear it. And, as my Brother Truth and Honesty says, That all this is long of these Wicked Parsons; whom therefore WE Rail at, Curse, and Expose all that WE can.

Country-m. And more than you can with either Truth or Honesty. But thank God, your Wit is not so Great as your Malice. And your Stories are so Silly contriv'd, as to pass the Belief of any Man of Common Sense. YOU have Ly'd your selves out of Credit. YOU have made a Trade of it. And what YOU say is no more a Reflection, than if it came from an Oyster-Woman at Billings-Gate, or a Water-Man upon the Thames.

And YOUR Threats are of no more Regard. YOU sent a Letter to Oxford (which I got and Printed, March 31, N. 35.) with the Names of the Tackers in the University, County, and City, whom YOU Threaten'd to Shoot through the Head if they offer'd to Appear at the then Ensuing Elections, and call'd them Pensioners of France. But YOUR Scandal is Despis'd, and Reckon'd as Ridiculous as YOUR vain Boast of YOUR Legions, and Impotent Threats. These same Tackers Nam'd in YOUR Letter, are now Chose again in the County University, and City of Oxford. I tell thee, if I were to Stand at an Election, I wou'd Hire THEE and thy Scandalous Clubb to speak all the Ill of me that YOU cou'd Invent; it wou'd Really be a Recommendation of me, even to Strangers, who had one Drachm of Sense or Probity, and who understood the Manner of Proceeding of the most Harden'd, Prophane, and Lying FACTION, that ever the Earth bore. Thy Observators, and the other Papers of the Scandalous Club

are stuff'd with *Invectives* against the Church and Clergy, and almost *IMPOSSIBLE* Stories told, like those in *The Cocker of Gloucester*, such an other Author in the times of *Forty-One*, which *YOU* have now Re-Printed, out of *YOUR* Deep Respect to the Church, no Doubt! Thou tell'st a Story (too Beastly to be Repeated) in thine of the 9th. Instant, Vol. 4. N. 11. which I have heard many years ago; and thou lay'st it upon a *High-Flyer*, a Knight in *Kent* (we guess whom *YOU* Mean) as if done yesterday. But if ever it was done (which I can hardly believe) I Remember full well it was said to be done by a Parcel of the *Detrauchee Whiggs*, who us'd to *Prophane CHURCHES*, and all things Sacred; as some of them Lately have done; who are now *Pinacles of the Faction*, and *Saints of the Covenant*! And which is more, without *Mending*!

(2.) *Obs.* But what say'st thou to what I tell of your fine Parson Lamb, in my *Observer* N. 9. the last but one to that before nam'd? Don't I make him a pure *Drunken Fellow*, and set down a *Violent Expression* of his, in favour of the *Tackers*.

Country-m. I believe it, like the Rest of thy *Sories*! That is, I believe not one Word of it. And thou brings no *Vouchers*. And I have this further Reason to believe, that Mr. Lamb is not a man of that *Violent and Passionate Temper*, thou woud'st Represent him. Thy *Violent CREW* gave him a *Trial* of it, about a Month past, at *Harpden* near *St. Albans*; where a Company of *Whiggs* and *Dissenters* being Met, to concert *Elections*; And, as they use, to *Rout and Revel*; Mr. Lamb Lock'd up the Church-Doors, to secure that Place; at least, from their *Insults*. For which as it happen'd, he had good Reason. For in their *Cups*, they had a Mind to have the Church-Bells to Ring, to Grace their *Solemnity*. And finding the Church-Doors Lock'd, they made no Ceremony with it, but broke into the Church, and fell a Ringing the Bells. Upon which Mr. Lamb went to them, and Represented their *Disorder* to them, in so Mild a manner, that he Perswaded them to Depart in Peace, and leave him in Possession of his Church. But upon second Thoughts, and t'other *Cup*, they got up again, and finding the Church-Doors Lock'd up again, they, as before, Broke in the Second time, and fell to the Bells. Mr. Lamb went to them again; and his Rhetorik had that Perswasion, as to get them out Quietly the Second time, and he Lock'd up the Church-Doors again. But, to make my Story short, they Broke in the Third time. And Mr. Lamb seeing no End of it, took with him the Church-Wardens and Constables, and Reasoning the Case with them, saw there a violent Dissenter of his Parish, to whom he Address'd himself, and said, *Neighbour, I'm Sorry Never to see you at CHURCH, but upon such an Occasion as this, to do violence to it.* The Dissenter as *Pertly* Reply'd, *That the Church was as much his, as the Parsons, and that he woud come to it, when he woud, and how he woud, and do what he pleas'd, with other Insulting Language.* But the Authority of the Church-Wardens and Constables, and fear of the Law Repriev'd the Church, and sav'd Mr. Lamb, for That time. Who in all this Assault upon Himself and the Church, carry'd with the Greatest *Evenness* and *Moderation*, of which all Present were *Witnesses*. And therefore the *Observer's* contrary Representation of Mr. Lamb, without other *Voucher*, than his own *Veracity*, will go down with none, but who are in Love with *Slander*, and take every Occasion against the Church.

(3.) *Obs.* These Clergy do us all the *Mischief*. Therefore we must be *Reveng'd* on them, one way or other. They Preach against us, and In-

fluence *Electiōs*. They have got most of *Gentry*, (all but the *Whigg-Rakes*) from us. And among the *Common People*, they have the *Sole* and *Substantial Party*. But yet *OUR Numbers*, *WE* hope will Prevail. Which cannot be *Inconsiderable*, while *WE* have the *Fools* and *Knaves* on *OUR* side! Considering which, I did not think, That the Church cou'd have put *US* so Hard to it, as I perceive now in the Beginning of the *Elections*. But our Hope is in the *North*, who are Nearer, and keep a *Correspondence* with *OUR* God Brethern in *Scotland*.

(5.) And as if the Day were our own already, I Triumph in mine of the 12th. Instant, and ask Them, what they to use to Ask at *US*, (as *Undermost* to Receive Favours, and theirs to Grant) what will Content you, and Ease you of your Fights? I put the *Fright* upon Them! And I say, No good man is against the Security of the Church or against making New Laws, if any are wanting, to Defend it against its Enemies the *PAPISTS*.

Country-m. But the Church has other Enemies; *YOU Whiggs* and *Dissenters*, who are Battering her every Day, in the most *Shameless* and *Violent* Manner.

Obs. O, for that, I say in the same Paragraph, That the *Protestant Dissenters* are the Support and Friends of the Church of England.

Country-m. This is *Insulting* past all measure! when in the very next Paragraph, you charge the Clergy with Preaching down the Doctrine of the Church of England; And say, That the *DISSENTERS* Preach it up. And so are the True Church of England. Then down with the Church of England! They are the *Dissenters*! This *YOU* have Labour'd at in several Pamphlets, to Prove the *Dissenters* to be the Church of England. This is *YOUR* way of being the Support of the Church of England! To get it All to *YOURSELVES*, and out with those who are now *Falsly* call'd the Church of England.

And in thine of the 9th Instant N. 11. *YOU* woud take away the Right of our Clergy to their Livings, and to Vote in Elections, and calls them *Free-booters of Divinity*; And such Contemptible Creatures, as our Noble Progenitors woud have Disdain'd to have set with the *DOGS* of their FLOCK. Thou say'st, They hold their LIVINGS by no other Tenure, than the Poor of the Land hold their *ALMS-HOUSES*. And therefore say'st, I cannot but Admire at their Impudence, to Intermeddle with our Elections.

Country-m. *OUR Elections*! says *John Tutchin*. And how often has he Repeated, I have two Members in the House of Commons Representing My Person. But the Clergy are such *CONTEMPTIBLE* Creatures, as are not Worthy to have any to Represent them! They Live only upon *Alms*! And all the Bishops Palaces, and the Parsonages in the Kingdom are *Alms Houses*! They are so little Worthy to be Pastors, That our Noble Whiggs, even *Tutchin* and *De Foe*, woud Disdain to set them with the *Dogs* of their Flocks!

THESE! THESE! are the Friends of the Church, and its only Support! against *THESE* there is no need of the *Occasional Bill* to be Reviv'd, or any Security to be Ask'd! No need of *Tacking* (which has been often us'd upon smaller Occasions) when there is no Hope of Obtaining it, by any other Methods!

(5.) *TACKLING!* first Introduc'd by the Whiggs against *K. Char. II.* And Apply'd *Occasionally* against *Even K. Will.* But now *Monstrous* to be Meation'd (when all other Ways are Stopp'd) for the Preservation of the Church, and of the Queen! Behold ye are all Children of *Israel*, give here your Advice and Council!

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The Passage of *Past Twelve a Clock* told in my last, a Gentleman of undoubted Reputation had from the Country. But writing again for a more Particular Account of it, Receiv'd lately what is under Written.

Sir, There is a mistake as to the Person. and it is a General one in this Country. Sir H—ry and not Sir W. Ash—t. The answer to my Enquiry is this—Sir H—ry Ash—t. bid his *Cofen* Mr. Ash—t of Ash—t to give his Service to his *Cofen* Va—ry, and Advise him not to be too hot, for that it was past Twelve a Clock with the Church of England: And said the Q—n was on their side, meaning Sir H—ry's side. This is what Mr. Va—ry told me last Night, and I have often heard him say at other times. And this Message was deliver'd to Mr. Va—ry in February last or the beginning of March.

Now let all Errors be Corrected. That *Past Twelve a Clock &c.* was Cry'd stands still who was the *Bell-Man* is all the Dispute.